

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A multipurpose tool in accordance with the present invention includes a hole punch and a stapler that are selectively engaged with a housing. The housing includes a recess defined by an inclined wall and an end wall that extend from a respective housing sidewall and bottom wall and merge into each other at a curved portion. The inclined wall, curved portion and end wall include opposing undercut slots which engage corresponding flanges on an actuating member of the stapler when the stapler is attached thereto. The housing includes a corner opening and opposing guide rails that extend from the housing front and rear walls into the corner opening. The guide rails engage corresponding grooves in a punch casing when the hole punch is inserted into the corner opening. This structure allows for the stapler/hole punch to be detached and used as a stand-alone implement, or used when fixed to the housing. When fixed to the housing, a greater force can be imparted through the housing to the stapler/hole punch for improved operation.